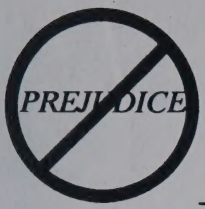


The Just Vote No! Campaign

P. O. Box 1834 Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Thank you for your interest in the **Just Vote No!** campaign. We wanted to let you know why we exist and how we plan to run the campaign.

The **Just Vote No!** campaign exists to fight a state constitutional amendment being proposed by Colorado for Family Values, an organization based here in Colorado Springs, that would prohibit anti discrimination protection of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. The amendment is in the form of an "initiative," which is a yes-or-no question that will appear on the November 3 general election ballot if CFV turns in 49,279 valid signatures of registered voters to the Secretary of State's office by Friday, March 20. The question will ask voters whether the Colorado constitution should be amended in the proposed manner, and the outcome is determined by a simple majority. Although there is some chance that CFV will not get the required number of signatures, the campaign is assuming that they will.

CFV's constitutional amendment does, or at least attempts to do, three things:

(1) It repeals all existing anti discrimination protection (such as the ordinances in Aspen, Boulder, and Denver, and Governor Romer's Executive Order applicable to state employees);

(2) it prohibits any future protection; and

(3) it also prohibits related forms of protection, such as inclusion in hate crimes legislation. The full text of the initiative is at the end of this letter.

The **Just Vote No!** campaign believes that the most effective way of combating this amendment is to run a locally-based campaign. We believe that residents of the Colorado Springs area are best equipped to run a campaign here because we understand the social and political terrain. We also believe that, as residents of the area in which CFV is based, we bear a special responsibility to fight the amendment. We also hope to network within the entire southeastern region of Colorado, in that Colorado Springs is the largest population center in the region, and the region is geographically suited to political coordination.

The central themes of the **Just Vote No!** campaign are:

Discrimination hurts all of us.
Prejudice has no place in a civilized society.

We don't view the amendment as a gay and lesbian issue; we believe that the issues involved are prejudice and discrimination. The **Just Vote No!** campaign is emphatically not a gay and lesbian campaign; we are a campaign of all people who believe that prejudice and discrimination are wrong.

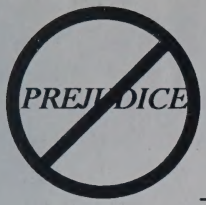
We urge you to become actively involved in the campaign in those ways that you can. Most work in a political campaign is "behind the scenes," so you needn't fear being thrust into the public eye. Our most pressing needs now are fund-raising (through direct contributions or putting on events) and assembling lists of volunteers. Please help us spread the word by telling your friends about us and urging that they place their names on our volunteer lists. Just call me at 633-6383 or Norma at 635-4802.

The town meeting mentioned in the enclosed flyer will be held on March 19 at 7 p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 North Tejon St., Colorado Springs. A discussion of the amendment will be part of the Third Thursday Open Forum sponsored by the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community center. This forum is on "Gay and Lesbian Political Empowerment."

Sincerely,

P.S. The amendment provides:

> NO PROTECTED STATUS BASED ON HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION. Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination. This section of the Constitution shall be in all respects self-executing.



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